

## "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

**Moving** – The Collins family as they prepare to move to Oklahoma

**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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## Was My Mother The World's Meanest?

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I had the meanest mother in the world. While other kids ate candy for breakfast, I had to have cereal, eggs and toast. When other kids had French fries and cokes for lunch, I had to eat a sandwich. As you might guess; my supper was different from theirs too. But I wasn't alone in my sufferings. My sister and two brothers had the same mean mother as I did.

My mother insisted upon knowing where we were at all times. You'd have thought we were a chain gang. She had to know who our friends were and what we were doing. If we said we'd be gone an hour, she insisted that it not be an hour and five minutes. I am nearly ashamed to admit it, but she actually spanked us, not once, but several times we did as we pleased. Can you imagine disciplining a child because he disobeyed?

The worst is yet to come... We had to be in bed each night by nine and up early the next morning. We couldn't sleep till noon like our friends; in fact, my mother broke the child labor law by making us WORK. We had to wash dishes, make beds and learn to cook and all sorts of exhausting jobs. I believe she lay awake nights thinking up mean things to do to us.

She always insisted on our telling the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, even if it killed us – and sometimes it nearly did.

By the time we were teenagers our lives became even more unbearable. There were none of this tooting the car horn for us to come running. She embarrassed us to no end by making our dates and friends come to the door to get us. I forgot to mention that while our friends were dating at 12 and 13, my old-fashioned mother refused to let us date until the age of 16 or past. Sixteen, that is, if we dated to go to school functions or to church services.

As you see, my mother was a complete failure. None of us has ever been arrested. Each of my brothers served his time in service for his

country. Look at all the things we missed---we never got to march in a protest parade, nor take part in a riot, burn draft cards and a million other things our friends did. And whom have we got to blame? That's right. Our mean mother. She forced us to grow up into God-fearing, educated, honest adults.

It is with this background that I now have become a mother. When my three children call me mean, I stand a little taller and filled with pride. You see, I thank God for the meanest mother in the whole world, and I want to be more like her.

### **Search the Scriptures**

Last Week's Question and Answer: Name 4 things that are little upon the earth but exceeding wise. Ants, coney, locusts & lizards. Prov. 30:24-28.

This Week's Question: What chapter describes the virtuous woman?

### **Daily Bible Reading Schedule & Statistics**

| <b><u>Bible Reading</u></b> |                    | <b><u>Statistics From Last Week</u></b> |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|---|
| May 14                      | 1 Chronicles 17-19 | Sunday AM – 48                          |
| May 15                      | 1 Chronicles 20-23 | Sunday PM – 24                          |
| May 16                      | 1 Chronicles 24-26 | Wednesday – 37                          |
| May 17                      | 1 Chronicles 27-29 | Contribution – \$864.00                 |
| May 18                      | 2 Chronicles 1-4   | 2006 Average – \$1,157.05               |
| May 19                      | 2 Chronicles 5-7   | 2006 Budget – \$1,225.21                |
| May 20                      | 2 Chronicles 8-10  |   |
| May 21                      | 2 Chronicles 11-14 |   |

### **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.

### **Fellowship Dinner**

Next Sunday, May 21, we will have a Sunday fellowship dinner immediately following the morning services. Everyone is encouraged to plan to stay after for a wonderful period of fellowship. We will enjoy the food prepared for the Ladies' Day.

### **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. Everyone is given a special encouragement to invite and bring your friends to services on this day.

### **Picnic**

There will be a picnic next Monday, Memorial Day, at the church building for all interested. Grills will be available to cook various foods. Please come and bring your meals and share this time of good fellowship, food, fun and games. Activities will begin at 1 PM.

### **Work Day**

There will be a work day at the church building on Saturday, June 3. A list is posted on the bulletin board in the foyer with various jobs. All members are encouraged to sign up for something on the list. See Frank with any questions or suggestions.

### **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.

### **Single's Retreat**

There will be a Single's Retreat at Camp Manatawny June 9-11.

### **Men's Breakfast**

The next Men's Breakfast will be held Saturday, June 10, 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.

### **Business Meeting**

The next Business Meeting will be at the church building Monday, June 12, at 7 PM. Please give any items to be discussed to Frank or Steve.

### **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.

### **Baptism**

Our Father in heaven was rejoicing before the angels in heaven Wednesday

night when Andrew Atchley was baptized by his father for the forgiveness of his sins. We welcome Andrew into the family of God.

### **Congratulations**

Congratulations to Adrina Walker on her graduation from Rider University with her Bachelor's degree. We're all proud of you. Way to go Adrina.

### **Business Meeting Update**

Several items were discussed in the last business meeting. A decision was made to send our monthly evangelism support to both Camp Manatawny in Douglasville, Pa and Timothy Hill Children's Ranch in Riverhead, NY. Camp Manatawny is a church operated camp where children from the Delaware Valley area attend summer camp. There are also retreats and other camp sessions for families, men and women throughout the year. Timothy Hill is a home for abused and neglected boys. Both Manatawny and Timothy Hill have had numerous baptisms through the years of their operations. If you would like more information on these please see Steve Brown. Other items discussed were a VBS this summer and the need for teachers to take the children's classes on Wednesday evenings after Brian and Melissa Collins leave in June. If you are interested in helping in either or both of these activities please see Steve Brown.

### **Bible Readings**

1 John 2:15-29 (AM), Zechariah 7 (PM), Psalm 69 (Wed)

### **Upcoming Area Activities**

May 20 – New Egypt Ladies' Day

May 21 – Fellowship Dinner following AM services

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 28 – Fellowship Dinner following AM services

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

June 3 – Work day at church building

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

June 9-11 – Single's Retreat at Camp Manatawny

June 10 – Men's Breakfast at church building at 7 AM

June 11 – Sunday Singing at PM services

June 12 – Business meeting at church building at 7 PM

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

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