

"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

TDY – *Anthony Carroll*

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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Bring A Friend!

On May 28th we are encouraging you to do all you can to bring a friend with you to Bible study and worship. I believe we all realize the importance of inviting others to be with us. I also believe we know we ought to always be reaching out to those we know to influence them for Christ. The people we are most likely to win for Jesus are those with whom we have a relationship. However, for some reason we do not do as we know we should.

One excuse we often give is the fear of rejection. We are afraid the person we invite to worship or to study God's word will say no. We fear this rejection of our offer may mean the end of our friendship. Because of this excuse we often never get around to giving our friend an invitation. I suppose a good question for us to ask ourselves in these situations is, are we really being a friend to this person!

I believe we can overcome our fears, and an example from the Old Testament may serve as an encouragement. In the days of Samuel the people of Israel came to him and said they did not want his sons to be judges over them. Instead, they wanted a king, so they could be like all the nations around them. As a result of their request Samuel felt rejected. God then spoke to Samuel and told him this, "Hearken unto the voice of the people in all that they say unto thee; for they have not rejected thee, but they have rejected me, that I should not reign over them" (1 Sam. 8:7). Samuel felt as if he had been rejected, but the one from whom the people had truly turned away was God. As we do our best to invite others to study with us, or to come to worship with us, when we do receive a "no" we need to remember they are not rejecting us, but God.

Satan uses fears to keep us from doing what we ought. Let's determine to never let the fear of rejection keep us from trying to lead souls to Christ.

Adapted from Bobby O'Dell

Search the Scriptures

Last Week's Question and Answer: What chapter describes the virtuous woman? Proverbs 31:10-21.

This Week's Question: What should not many presume to be?

Daily Bible Reading Schedule & Statistics

<u>Bible Reading</u>	<u>Statistics From Last Week</u>	
May 21	2 Chronicles 11-14	Sunday AM – 48
May 22	2 Chronicles 15-18	Sunday PM – 28
May 23	2 Chronicles 19-22	Wednesday – 33
May 24	2 Chronicles 23-25	Contribution – \$1,497.00
May 25	2 Chronicles 26-28	2006 Average – \$1,157.05
May 26	2 Chronicles 29-30	2006 Budget – \$1,238.80
May 27	2 Chronicles 31-33	
May 28	2 Chronicles 34-35	

Prayer Sunday

This Sunday, May 21, 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.

Men's Retreat

The Northeastern States Men's Retreat at Kent, CO will be June 9-10. See the flyers on the bulletin board for more details.

Fellowship Dinner

Today 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

Next 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.

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.

Report On Ladies' Day

The ladies of the congregation are to be greatly commended for all the preparation for the Ladies' Day held yesterday. Everything was done with such care in every detail. They have done their usual outstanding job and many have benefited from it. The speaker, Marilyn McDermott, did a superb job encouraging and challenging the women through her lessons.

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 and 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 evening when Ann Vandeventer was baptized for the forgiveness of her sins. We welcome Ann into the family of God and the church here.

In Our Prayers

Scott Petty will be leaving this week to go to Iraq for a 4 month TDY. We will miss you Scott and will be praying for you and your family while you are away. Also remember Anthony Carroll who just started a 4 month TDY in Iraq.

Bible Readings

1 John 3:1-10 (AM), Zechariah 8:1-8 (PM), Psalm 70-71 (Wed)

Upcoming Area Activities

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

Ten Ways To Find Time To Read The Bible

From Bulletin Digest

1. Wake up ten minutes earlier each morning to read the Bible.
2. Put a Bible portion under your pillow to read each night before you fall asleep.
3. Talk less and you will have few more minutes to read.
4. Keep a copy on hand in the kitchen or at the telephone to read while you are on "hold."
5. Carry a copy of the Bible in your purse or pocket to read while waiting for doctors, unpunctual people, etc.

6. Never go on a trip without your Bible.

7. Keep a copy in the glove compartment of the car.

8. Remember, a Bible in the hand is worth two on the table.

9. Turn the TV off and read to your children.

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