

April 1st - Easter Sunday (No fooling!)

Sunrise Service @ 7 am

Regular Services starting at 9:45 am

April 5th - Heart to Heart - Movie night

Meet at the church at 5:30 pm for pizza
before leaving for the movie - Paul, Apostle of
Christ

May 3rd - National Day of Prayer - no Heart to Heart
Sandwiches and service for the whole church

May 13th - Happy Mother's Day

June 7th - Heart to Heart - Paint project
Taco night with Connie

June 17th - Happy Father's Day

June 24th - Ice Cream Social
Hamburgers & Hot Dogs & Ice Cream
Pie and Cake Taste Test Contest

Soul Winners - David Brinkley

RU (Reformers Unanimous)

Meets Fridays at 7 pm

Danny Ferguson & Diana Davis

Grief Share - a 13-week program

Meets Monday at 6:45 pm

Dinnie Swank & Deb Stinnett

AWANA - Sept. thru April

Meets Wednesday s at 6:45 pm

Bruce Greenwood

Ladies Support Group - Ladies only

Single ladies - widows or divorced

Meets for a luncheon out the 3rd Thursday each
month - Katie Rogers & Barb Rawdon

Sparkling Seniors - For those 55 years and older

Meets normally on Tuesday for an outing at least
once each month

This is one of the most beautiful and truthful tributes to the Bible ever written. It was voiced by Evangelist Billy Sunday in his preaching.

Twenty-nine years ago, with the Holy Spirit as my Guide, I entered at the portico of Genesis, walked down the corridor of the Old Testament art galleries, where pictures of Noah, Abraham, Moses, Joseph, Isaac, Jacob, and Daniel hang on the wall. I passed into the music room of the Psalms where the Spirit sweeps the keyboard of nature until it seems that every reed and pipe in God's great organ responds to the harp of David, the sweet singer of Israel.

I entered the chamber of Ecclesiastes, where the voice of the preacher is heard, and into the conservatory of Sharon and the lily of the valley where sweet spices filled and perfumed my life.

I entered the business office of Proverbs and into the observatory of the Prophets where I saw telescopes of various sizes pointing to far off events, concentrating on the bright and morning Star which was to rise above the moonlit hills of Judea for our salvation and redemption.

I entered the audience room of the King of Kings, catching a vision written by Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. Thence into the correspondence room with Paul, Peter, James and John writing their Epistles.

I stepped into the throne room of Revelation where tower the glittering peaks, where sits the King of Kings upon His throne of glory with the healing of the nations in His hand, and I cried out:

All hail the power of Jesus' name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown Him Lord of all.

Submitted by Charlene Lyle

Childhood Memories of God's Creation

When I was a young girl, an apple orchard was just across the road from where I lived. In the Spring time it was so beautiful. The blossoms on the trees were bright and they smelled really good.

I started to go each day and watch one little bud on the tree. What started out as one bud, in a few days, became a lovely flower. I was so excited! My God is so great, that He took care of that one little bud. As I continued to go and watch that flower, it slowly grew into an apple. I watched it all Summer as it grew bigger and bigger.

In the Fall it was time to harvest the apples. I loved apples and wished that I could have that apple that I'd watched God grow on that tree. One day I got my wish. The farmer saw me watching and gave me the apple! I felt so much joy! God grew the apple and then gave the farmer a heart of compassion for me.

Submitted by a church member

Measuring the Pole

Two men were trying to measure a telephone pole. They keep trying to climb it and kept sliding back down. Along comes this really big, muscle builder and says, "Hey, what are you guys doing?"

The two men said, "We're trying to measure the height of this pole."

The muscle builder wraps his arms around the pole, pulls it out of the ground, lays it down and measures it. Then he picks it back up, puts it back in the ground, says "40 feet" and walks away.

One of the men looked at the other one and said, "What a moron - we wanted the height, not the length."

Submitted by Diana Davis

My Easter Garden

By Laurie Dawson

In my garden Easter Day
I see the sunrise with its ray,
Kiss the lilies by the stream...
How pure and white the blossoms seem.

I see the dew that bathes the face
Of stately blooms so full of grace,
And listen for the birds to sing
The glory of the risen King.

I see the dawn creep o'er the hill,
And every plant and bird is still.
The sunrise comes with golden ray
To bless my garden Easter Day.

Submitted by Brenda Angelo

Philippians 4:13

I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

The road to success is not straight. There is a curve called Failure, a loop called Confusion, speed bumps called Friends, red lights called Enemies, caution lights called Family. You will have flats called Jobs. But, if you have a spare called Determination, an engine called Perseverance, insurance called Faith, a driver called Jesus, you will make it to a place called Success.



Songs We Love

Since Easter is coming up I thought I would write about a song that is often sung at Easter. It was written by a Scottish woman in the mid 1800's, Elizabeth C. Clephane, 1830-1869. She was a sickly woman, growing up with various illnesses, that left her bedridden quite a lot. But her cheery smile and kind heart made her popular with the townspeople. Rather than calling her by Elizabeth they called her Sunshine.

There is no neutral ground when we face the cross: Either we accept the work of atonement or we reject it. We become a new person or we stay in our sinful and self-centered life. Two things stood out as she composed this hymn: "The wonders of His glorious love and my own worthlessness."

She was an ardent Bible student and that comes across in the song Beneath The Cross Of Jesus. She talks about "mighty Rock" in Isaiah 32:2; "weary land" in Psalm 63:1; "home within the wilderness" in Jeremiah 9:2; "rest upon the way" in Isaiah 28:12; "noontide heat" in Isaiah 4:6 and "burden of the day" in Matthew 11:30. Here is her song.

Beneath the cross of Jesus, I fain would take my stand, the shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land; a home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way from the burning of the noon day heat and the burden of the day.

Upon that cross of Jesus mine eyes at times can see the very dying form of One who suffered there for me; and from my smitten heart with tears two wonders I confess--the wonders of His glorious love and my own worthlessness.

I take, O cross thy shadow for my abiding place--I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of His face; content to let the world go by, to know no gain or loss, my sinful self, my only shame, my glory all the cross.

Submitted by Ruth Warren

IF MY BODY WAS A CAR...

If my body was a car, this is the time I would be thinking about trading it in for a newer model. I've got bumps and dents and scratches in my finish and my paint job is getting a little dull ... But that's not the worst of it.

My headlights are out of focus and it's especially hard to see things up close

My traction is not as graceful as it once was. I slip and slide and skid and bump into things even in the best of weather.

My whitewalls are stained with varicose veins.

It takes me hours to reach my maximum speed. My fuel rate burns inefficiently.

But here's the worst of it --

Almost every time I sneeze, cough or sputter, either my radiator leaks or my exhaust backfires!

Chicken Divan Pot Pie by Kraft

Prep Time:5 min. **Total Time:**45 min. **Servings:**8 1 cup servings

3 cups chopped cooked chicken

3 cups frozen broccoli florets

1/2 lb. (8 oz.) VELVEETA, cut into 1/2-inch cubes

1 jar (12 oz.) HEINZ HomeStyle Classic Chicken Gravy

1 ready-to-use refrigerated pie crust (1/2 of 14.1-oz. pkg.)

Heat oven to 400°F. Combine all ingredients except pie crust in microwaveable bowl. Microwave on HIGH 3 to 4 min. or until VELVEETA is completely melted, stirring every 2 min. Spoon into 8-inch square baking dish sprayed with cooking spray.

Unroll pie crust; place over chicken mixture. Fold under edge of crust, then press onto top of baking dish to seal. Cut several slits in crust to permit steam to escape. Place dish on baking sheet.

Bake 30 min. or until crust is deep golden brown. Let stand 5 min. before serving.

Actual Instructions on Products

On Sears hair dryer: Do not use while sleeping.

On a bag of Fritos: You could be a winner! No purchase necessary. Details inside.

On a bar of Dial soap: Directions: Use like regular soap.

Some Swann frozen dinners: Serving suggestion: Defrost.

On a hotel-provided shower cap in a box: Fits one head.

On Tesco's Tiramisu desert: Do not turn upside down. (Printed on the bottom of the box.)

On packaging for a Rowenta Iron: Do not iron clothes on body

On Boot's CHILDREN's Cough Medicine: Do not drive car or Operate machinery

On Nytol (a sleep aid): Warning: may cause drowsiness

On a kitchen knife: Warning: Keep out of children.

On a food processor: Not to be used for the other use.

On Sainsbury's Peanuts: Warning: contains nuts

On an American Airlines packet of nuts: Instructions: open packet, Eat nuts.

On a chainsaw: Do not attempt to stop chain with your hands.

Children's Letters to God

The New Collection

Compiled by Stuart Hample and Eric Marshall

Dear God,

I didn't think orange went with purple until I saw the sunset you made on Tuesday. That was cool.

Eugene

Dear God,

If you watch in church on Sunday I will show you my new shoes.

Mickey D

Dear God,

Thank you for the baby brother but what I prayed for was a puppy.

Joyce

10 Scriptures to be Rooted In

No matter how great or horrific your circumstances are or may become you have the opportunity to remain filled with an unshakable hope that comes from your unfailing, perfect Father in Heaven. May you as a Child of The King allow His promises to shield you, encourage you, bring you joy and sustain you through all seasons of life. (See Psalm 119:116)

The power of God lies within you to boldly rise when you fall short in life. Be encouraged to cling to His mighty hand and rise up in faith accepting the gift that is His grace. (See Proverbs 24:16)

In John 13:7, Jesus was responding to a question asked by one of his disciples, Peter. Peter was having his feet washed by Jesus and couldn't wrap his mind around why He was doing such a thing! Often in our lives we ask Jesus the same questions. Jesus, what are you doing right now in my life? Why are you allowing this to happen to me? Why now? We can use this verse as a profound reminder that nothing we experience in life ever lacks meaning. Encourage one another to trust in the plan Jesus has for each of our lives knowing that He is good. Cling to the promise that there is purpose for every detail of our lives regardless of understanding.

Fear not, in times of temptation you are given the power to eagerly seek the freedom God provides you. With the guidance of God, you will defeat temptations in His name strengthening you greatly in the process. (See I Corinthians 10:13)

When you cry out for help, God sends His Holy Spirit to meet you with comfort. He doesn't expect you to handle this life alone! He wants His children to call on Him for help so He can defeat the works of the enemy and carry each of us into safety to bring joyous restoration to our souls. (See Psalm 18:6)

The world persistently pushes false identities upon us. Stand strong, your value and worth is in Christ Jesus! We each are treasured and chosen by Him, The King above all Kings!

(See Deuteronomy 14:2)

God's abundant love for us is an overwhelming reality. Be encouraged to take a moment and absorb the visual the scripture provides! How astounding is it to be reminded of His unfailing love, grace and protection? (See Psalm 91:4)

Allow peace to fill your heart as all schemes from the enemy fall away in the renewal of assurance that your God is a just God. He will handle your heart and deal with all those who have hurt you. (See Romans 12:19)

Because of his sacrifice for us, when you submit yourselves to Him, we get to fiercely claim spiritual authority over the enemy. As each of us choose to cling near to God, He will cling near to us. (See I Peter 5:8-9)

May we choose to dress in the Armor of God daily. Be encouraged to call on the spirit of God to rise up in you as you step out in great faith onto the battlefield of life here on Earth. His mercies are new every morning, His strength will become your strength, and His mighty Armor will protect your heart from attacks of the enemy. Children of The King, grow in confidence today knowing that the battles won for His Kingdom here on earth through your faithful fight will bless generations to come. (See Ephesians 6:13-17)

Taige Mitchell

Taige wants to be known first for her love of Jesus, and love of people. She credits her roots for her life-long interest in football which lead her to pursue a career in sports radio broadcasting and journalism. Years into her pursuit, she started to feel differently towards her career path and felt a call on her heart to serve in ministry. After many closed doors, a door opened clear and wide for her at Propel Women. Taige now serves as a volunteer for Propel Women helping in the Creative department with all things Editorial. You can follow Taige on Instagram and Twitter: @TaigeMitchell

Sherry's Book Corner/Adult Column

Florida greetings ladies! Soon Randy and I will be heading home. It will be good to see all of you! As always, we keep you in our thoughts and prayers while we are away. In the meantime, I thought this was the perfect book to kick off spring. Birds, where would the world be without them? We have plenty of bird friends right here in our own backyard in Florida! Just ask Peggy and Audrey! They loved our backyard as much as we do.

I sold this book to our library last fall, and it is a great book to share with your family to learn about 12 of North America's most common garden birds. Birds make the best of company. They start your day off with a song of new beginnings...every day. They seem to like looking at you as you do them. I am sure my Ohio birds will look forward to our arrival. If you are not a bird watcher, why not start being one this spring! You'll love it!

In Him,
Sherry Kline Bolitho

Adult Book:

Title: The Little Book of Backyard Bird Songs

By: Andrea Pinnington and Caz Buckingham

Publisher: Firefly Books

Price: \$19.95

This board book is designed for any age with features for young readers. The high-quality sound module is encased in durable plastic, and the one-inch (3 cm) speaker makes it easy to hear and differentiate the elements of a bird's song, like tempo, buzzes, trills, whistles and pitch.

Colorful and attractive to hold and look upon. As you study each bird you will kindle the love you have for God's great gift in nature. This book is highly recommended for all ages. It would make a beautiful gift as well.

Sherry's Book Corner/Children's Book

Hi kids! Soon I will be seeing you in person! Florida is a fun place to be, but Ohio is my home. However, I do have to say, I enjoy being outdoors EVERY DAY! From daybreak, until sundown, Randy and I are outside doing something. Like... riding our 10 speed bikes, riding his motorcycle, swimming, and fishing. And, I love being able to read outdoors for as long as I wish. The book I am about to share with you is about fifteen-year-old Allison Britz. It is a memoir of her life with OCD. OCD means obsessive compulsive disorder. When I told teacher Judy about this book, she told me some of her students who rode her bus suffered from this problem.

I found this very interesting. This disorder may cause: Persistent, unwanted thoughts or urges, incessant or repetitive actions, invented rules and rituals to control anxiety

I realize this book may be on the serious side, but life is serious. And when we can read about certain issues that may face our world, knowledge is important. You know, we may take in as much knowledge as we can, but we know who holds our tomorrows and keeps us in the palm of His hand.

In Him,
Sherry Kline Bolitho

Title: Obsessed

A Memoir of My Life with OCD

By: Allison Britz

Publisher: Simon & Schuster

Price: \$17.99

Age group: 14 up

It all started with sidewalk cracks and counting steps as loud as she could. Later she had to avoid things such as her hair dryer, cell phones, computers, and most of all her own clothing. Finally, she allowed herself to ask for help. This is a brave account of Allison's descent and ultimately hopeful climb out of the depths.

Creamy Bacon Vegetable Soup from Kraft

Makes 6 one cup servings.

6 slices OSCAR MAYER Bacon, cut into 1-inch pieces
2 carrots, chopped
2 stalks celery, chopped
2 cloves garlic, minced
2 cans (15.5 oz. each) butter beans, rinsed
2 cans (14.5 oz. each) fat-free reduced-sodium chicken broth
4 oz. (1/2 of 8-oz. pkg.) PHILADELPHIA Cream Cheese, cubed
1 onion, chopped
2 Tbsp. flour

Cook and stir bacon in large saucepan on medium heat until crisp. Remove bacon from pan with slotted spoon; drain on paper towels. Add carrots, celery and onions to bacon drippings in pan; cook 8 to 10 min. or until crisp-tender, stirring occasionally. Add garlic and flour; cook 2 min., stirring frequently.

Stir in beans and broth; bring just to boil. Simmer on medium-low heat 25 min. or until vegetables are tender, stirring in cream cheese for the last 5 min. Remove from heat. Stir in bacon.

Fun Facts About the Bible You Never Knew

By Robyn Martins

Camp Rules for the Hebrew:

Don't take advantage of orphans or widows. Exodus 22:22

Don't follow the crowd. Exodus 23:2

Every year, have three great big parties. Exodus 23:14

If you buy a Hebrew servant, you have to let him go after six years. Exodus 21:2

Don't cut yourself on purpose. Leviticus 19:28

Stand up around the elderly. Leviticus 19:32

Don't offer an animal with warts as an offering. Leviticus 22:22

Dusting

"A house becomes a home when you can write "I love you" on the furniture."

I can't tell you how many countless hours that I have spent CLEANING! I used to spend at least 8 hours every weekend making sure things were just perfect - "in case someone came over". Then I realized one day that no one came over; they were all out living life and having fun!

Now, when people visit, I find no need to explain the "condition" of my home. They are more interested in hearing about the things I've been doing while I was away living life and having fun. If you haven't figured this out yet, please heed this advice.

Life is short. Enjoy it! Dust if you must, but wouldn't it be better to paint a picture or write a letter, bake a cake or plant a seed, ponder the difference between want and need?

Dust if you must, but there's not much time, with rivers to swim and mountains to climb, music to hear and books to read, friends to cherish and life to lead.

Dust if you must, but the world's out there with the sun in your eyes, the wind in your hair, a flutter of snow, a shower of rain. This day will not come around again.

Dust if you must, but bear in mind, old age will come and it's not kind. And when you go - and go you must - you, yourself will make more dust!



What's in a Name?

From the beginning of human kind, starting with Adam and Eve, every person has been given a name. This name was unique to them. They had a name plus an addition to that name that placed them in a certain town or location, like Jesus of Nazareth. Or they had a name plus an addition that described what they did, like Mark the baker or James the fisherman. Later these names would shorten to become what we recognize today as Mark Baker or James Fisher. Sometimes names are found repeated over and over within families or a common name has the spelling changed into something almost unrecognizable.

When I was a girl, I spent a good deal of time with my grandmother on a very small country farm. There was a big barn there and of course barn cats to keep down the mouse population. Sometimes my two cousins, Darlene and Marlana would come there in the summer, too. It was always fun when there was a new litter of kittens born while we there because we got to name them. One time while my cousin, Marlana was there we got to do just that. It happened that Marlana had taken French in school that year and was full of French names for the kittens. We talked her out of most of them but there was one kitten with long legs that she insisted be called "Danseur" which is French for dancer. We let it go, but not knowing French, our grandmother had a hard time with the name. Like the names of old, it morphed into something she could recognize. So, from the time when this long legged tabby cat was a kitten to the time she passed as a very old cat, her name was always "Donna Sue".

The birth of Jesus was foretold in the Old Testament, hundreds of years before the event. In Isaiah 9:6 it says that his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Throughout the new testament the name of Jesus was often replaced with a name that was descriptive of who He was.

Almighty One – Revelation 1:8

Alpha and Omega – Revelation 22:13

Advocate – I John 2:1

Author and Perfecter of Our Faith – Hebrews 12:2

Authority – Matthew 28:18

Bread of Life – John 6:35

Beloved Son of God – Matthew 3:17

Bridegroom – Matthew 9:15

Chief Cornerstone – Psalm 118:22

Deliverer – I Thessalonians 1:10

Faithful and True – Revelation 19:11

Good Shepherd – John 10:11

Great High Priest – Hebrews 4:14

Head of the Church – Ephesians 1:22

Holy Servant – Acts 4:29-30

I Am – John 8:58

Immanuel – Isaiah 7:14

Indescribable Gift – 2 Corinthians 9:15

Judge – Acts 10:42

King of Kings – Revelation 17:14

Lamb of God – John 1:29

Light of the World – John 8:12

Lion of the Tribe of Judah – Rev.5:5

Lord of All – Philippians 2:9-11

Mediator – I Timothy 2

Messiah – John 1:41

Mighty One – Isaiah 60:16

One Who Sets Free – John 8:36

Our Hope – I Timothy 1:1

Peace – Ephesians 2:14

Prophet – Mark 6:4

Redeemer – Job 19:25

Resurrection and the Life – John 11:25

Risen Lord – I Corinthians 15:3-4

Rock – I Corinthians 10:4

Sacrifice for Our Sins – I John 4:10

Savior – Luke 2:11

Son of Man – Luke 19:10

Son of the Most High – Luke 1:32

Supreme Creator Over All – I Cor. 1:16-17

The Door – John 10:9

The Way – John 14:6

The Word – John 1:1

True Vine – John 15:1

Truth – John 8:32

Victorious One – Rev. 3:21

(List courtesy of Crosswalk.com)

Jesus came to teach us and prepare us for things to come. In all the names given him, each has shown what a beacon he was for us – to direct us on a path to do all things good, all things wise. He humbled himself here and died for us all that we could have an everlasting relationship with Him. His name is above all others – Jesus!

...made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Philippians 2:7-11

