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THE GOOD WORD

Carrying News of God's Work into the Community and World
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**Worship With Us At
Central Baptist**



**Sunday Worship Service
10:30 AM**

Our services can be seen on Facebook Live or on YouTube.
Access is always available through our church website:
www.cbwesterlyri.org

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Call 401-596-4929
Call the church before
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A Look Back to A Busy Summer's End

Special music, a terrific message from Rev Wes Smith,
a steak & eggs breakfast for the guys, a wedding,
and a fun filled Church barbecue.



CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Dr. Cal Lord, Jr., Pastor
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Church Office Hours
Monday - Friday, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

**NEWSLETTER TEAM**

Suzanne Vanaman
 Dot Marra
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 and
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**Newsletter
Deadline**

Articles for *The Good Word*,
 are due the
15th of the month.
 Please submit articles
 as a WORD document
 if possible.

e-mail all articles to:
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OCTOBER

CHURCH MEETINGS**October 1**

6:30 PM Board of Missions

October 14

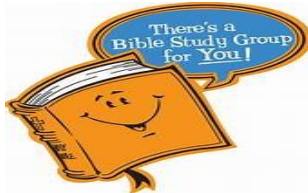
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October 21

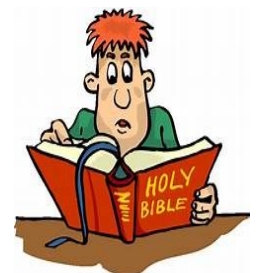
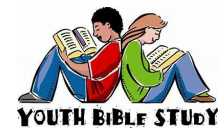
4:30 PM Board of Trustees
 7:00 PM Board of Deacons

October 27

11:45 AM Quarterly Church
 Business Meeting

**Small Group Bible Studies**
There is one for you!

1. Book of Ecclesiastes - Monday nights at 6:30 PM in the third floor classroom. Led by Pastor Enrique. Begins October 7th.
2. Young Adult Bible Study - Tuesday nights at 7:00 PM in the third floor classroom. Led by Jon Humphrey & Paul Georgetti.
3. The Arrest, Trial and Crucifixion of Jesus - Wednesday mornings at 10:00 AM in the parlor. Led by Pastor Cal.
4. Pasta with Paul~Book of Romans - Wednesday nights at 5:30 PM in Fellowship Hall. Led by Pastor Cal.
5. Sisters in Scripture - Wednesday nights at 5:45 PM in the parlor. Led by Hope Burnside.
6. Seeing Christ in the Old Testament - Sunday mornings at 9:00 AM in the chapel. Led by Rev. David Jordan.
7. Book of James~Women's Bible Study - Thursday mornings at 10:00 AM in the parlor. Led by Geri Maloney.



October 5
 8:00 AM
 Fellowship Hall
 All men invited

Wednesday Evening Worship Service

Can't make it to worship on Sunday morning? Consider making Wednesday worship your alternative. The service begins at 7:00 pm in the chapel. It is a little shorter, lasting about 45 minutes. It features a short message, a time of prayer and some singing. Pastor Cal and Pastor Enrique will be leading the services.

Come join us for our Wednesday evening service.

PASTOR CAL'S CORNER



Dear Friends,

David Letterman was famous for his “top ten” lists. I want to follow his lead today. We had a terrific Back to Church Sunday celebration last month but it was never intended to be a “one and done” event. We want to see everyone every week when we gather for Worship & Kid’s Church. So here is a little something I borrowed from a sister church. Here are the top 10 reasons for coming back to church.

10. Church is Where We Find Deeper Meaning In Our Lives

In our most frustrated and stressed out moments it’s easy to lose sight of the greater plan and purpose that’s out there for all of us. Gathering with others in church and seeing young and old all seeking God together helps us hold on and keep running our race.

9. Church Fills Our Hearts with Song

There’s something remarkable about music. Listening to hymns and inspirational music can lift us up and give us messages we may not otherwise hear. It’s amazing how open our hearts can become through song. Many a time I have witnessed the weight of the world lifted off shoulders and uncalled for tears flow the moment that first song begins playing. Through music, we feel strengthened. Instruments playing and people singing are a conduit to God.

8. Church Teaches Us To Let Go Of Disappointments

Life has many disappointments, frustrations and annoyances. Maybe a friend has let us down, our kids have been out of control lately, or our spouse has said or done something hurtful. Forgiveness is hard, and yet, when are finally able to let things go, it can take a huge weight off our shoulders. There’s no better place to be reminded of the gift of forgiveness that we have already received than by going to church and hearing the Word .Our hearts cannot help but be softened in the process.

7. Church Helps Us Find Perspective in our Trials

Someone I was talking to recently was struggling because, try as he might, he couldn’t get to stable ground at work. He was juggling a heavy workload and family concerns and didn’t feel he was doing justice to either. The daily fog never seemed to clear. He remarked to me after attending a church service “I can’t even tell you how many times I’ve been struggling and found that the message applied so directly to my situation that it felt like you were talking directly to me.” There is a good reason for that. Jesus spoke about the need to get away from the crush. Regular attendance forces us for an hour or so, to step back, gain perspective and recharge our inner batteries!

6. Church Provides Opportunities to Give Back

Most evangelical churches offer assistance to their communities and other areas of need around the world in a variety of ways. Here at Central we have several ministries you can get involved with where you can give back to others with the love of Christ. What a joy infusing exercise it is to “Serve the Lord with gladness...” (Psa. 100:2).

5. Church Allows Us to Feel Reverence

Our every day lives can get pretty chaotic can’t they? There is a universal hunger for some peace and quiet...even reverence. The Psalmist must have had these same feelings when he expressed, “Be still, and know that I am God...” (Psalm 46:10). When we attend worship in person (unlike online) we’re transported to a place of worship and peace. I’m always amazed at the peaceful feeling that washes over me the moment I walk into our building. It’s a place of calm and a place of joy. Attending church gives us a weekly reset. It calls for us to stop and pray and to express humility and gratitude to God. It allows us a welcome respite from the hustle and bustle of our daily lives.

4. Church Helps Us Better Partner with our Family

Not everyone is on the same page as his or her spouse or children when it comes to faith. However, reports show that couples that attend church together have higher levels of happiness and satisfaction within their marriage. Families that pray together stay together. Why is that? Church reconnects us to a common point. It reinforces the higher purpose behind marriage and family, more than just dwelling in the same house. Families who attend church together are reiterating the important foundations of the home.

3. Church Connects Us Socially

The New Testament gives Christians a lot of “one another” instructions: things that we should and enjoy as a family in Christ. The term is used 100 times in 94 verses. Peter reminded us of our privilege and obligation to socialize as brothers and sisters in 1 Peter 5:14. Church attendance connects us socially. People need people. The old TV western The Lone Ranger was one of my favorites growing up. But even he had Tonto! If you’re struggling to meet people or to make friends, this is the place to do it!

2. Church Gives Us a Chance to Reflect Gratefully

By stopping our regular day-to-day life and practicing gratitude, we begin to realize just how blessed we are and how much we truly have. Even when things seem dire we can rejoice with others at church and thank God for our blessings. Worship helps us stop and look around and realize the things we have. It encourages thankfulness as a way through the tough times, Even if it’s hard to see the blessings at the moment, attending church can help us open our hearts and eyes to see the things we have.

1. Church Uniquely Unites Us with God

When we enter a house of worship, we’re instantly elevated to a state where we’re honoring God and opening ourselves to Him. Maybe that is why the Psalmist encouraged us, “Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness.”(Psa. 29:2). The simple act of walking in the door brings us closer to God. We’re making time for God by allowing Him into our daily routines by attending an actual place of worship. There is just something reverent about simply being inside a church building that is unequalled anywhere else. It helps us remember that there is something out there bigger than ourselves.

If you've been away, take this as your invitation to join us this Sunday. Invite a friend and let’s worship together in the house of the Lord! God bless! See you in church. Pastor Cal

Central Baptist Church of Westerly

Board of Trustees

Repairs to the Parsonage roof were completed this month by Pawcatuck Roofing. Thanks to Michelle Hallamore for all she does to manage the Parsonage.

Central Nursery School, school year start up items were completed this month. These include lead and fire-safety inspections, floor polishing, and general housekeeping were completed for the start of the new school year.

The platform lift replacement to restore handicapped access to Fellowship Hall is moving forward. The project is on track for completion this fall.

This month the team will focus on preparing the 2025 spending plan, gathering input from the other boards and drafting presentations for the October Church business meeting.

Very Respectfully, Bob

Treasurer's Report

	August 2024 Actual	August Plan	Year-to-Date Actuals	Year-to-Date Plan	Annual Plan
Total Income	36,029.43	43,212.18	338,498.88	340,272.44	532,946.00
Total Expenses	38,215.02	36,704.85	337,228.03	361,974.30	532,397.00
Net Ordinary Income	(2,185.59)	6,507.33	1,270.85	(21,701.86)	549.00

Overall, the financial picture is very positive with year-to-date revenue ahead of the year-to-date expenses. At the end of August year-to-date revenue was less then (0.5% below) the planned amount. This change from what was reported last month (revenue greater than planned amount) is reflected in the August income numbers being much less than the August planned amount. It is not uncommon for August collections to be lower than planned for in the budget, this should resolve as we move into September.

Expenses through the end of August are tracking lower (7% below) than the year-to-date financial plan.

As always, the generous donations and faithful support of Central Baptist members and friends allows the church to actively serve our community while also proactively maintaining our church properties. Your continued support is greatly appreciated. Thank you so much!

If you are unable to come to church, we hope that you're watching the live stream services on Facebook. If you miss it, you can search Facebook for the Central Baptist Church of Westerly, RI page and scroll down. It is also available on YouTube, just search for Pastor Cal Lord's page.

Here are some options for online giving:

1 Add CBC's address (16 Elm St Westerly RI 02891) to your bank's Bill Payment site and schedule the bank to mail your check to the church. Add a memo if your gift is for a special cause.

2 Text Giving is now available. Message the word "GIVE" to 401-414-4940 from your cellphone and easily send a donation.

3 Another option is to visit www.cbCWesterlyRI.org, then click on Donations link at the top, or scan this code on your phone to access CBC's online giving app. If your phone's camera can't scan the code, the URL for the app is: <https://app.easytith.com/app/Giving/cbcw>.

You can give either directly from your bank account or ... (for a higher fee) use a debit/credit card.

The app uses the same security as bank web sites, so your personal information is secure.

Also, it allows you to schedule your donations in advance, so 'once and it's done'!



Board of Deacons

What does the Bible say about Grandparents?



The Bible speaks about grandparents not only generally, but it also provides specific examples of grandparents and their interactions with their grandchildren. Proverbs 17:6 (NLT) says that "Grandchildren are the crowning glory of the aged" and Psalm 127:3 (NLT) states that "Children are a gift from the Lord; they are a reward from him." So being a grandparent is meant to be a blessing. With this blessing, however comes responsibilities. Proverbs 13-22 declares that "Good people leave an inheritance to their grandchildren ..." While this verse appears to apply to material wealth, it can also be interpreted to mean leaving a heritage of faith. God, in Exodus 10:2 (ESV) commands the Israelites to share "in the hearing of your son and your grandson ... what signs I have done ... that you may know that I am the LORD." Grandparents have a responsibility to share with their grandchildren their knowledge of God and to testify to what He has done in their own lives.

In the New Testament (2 Timothy 1:5), we see the Apostle Paul crediting Timothy's grandmother for playing a vital role in Timothy's faith. He says, "I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure dwells in you as well." Timothy's grandmother cultivated a faith first in her own daughter, but then continued by cultivating that faith in her grandson as well. Another example of affection is shown in the story of Naomi and her daughter-in-law Ruth. Naomi's son (Ruth's husband) died and Ruth married another relative and gave birth to a son. "Then Naomi took the child in her arms and cared for him." (Ruth 4-16) Even though this baby was not genetically her grandson, Naomi adopted him as such and became his caregiver.

Grandparenting can come in many forms and should not be limited to those who are related biologically. In this day and age of broken and blended families, there are numerous opportunities for older Christians to develop affectionate, caring relationships with children who need them.

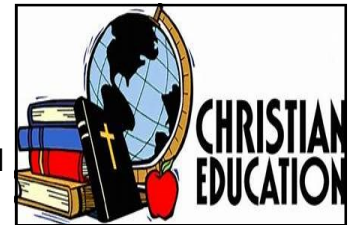
One thing we can all do for our grandchildren and every other child that we know is to pray for them. Let me leave you with this sample prayer:

Almighty God, as (Child's Name) wakes up to a new day, I pray for their happiness and well-being. May they find joy in simple moments, strength in challenges and peace in their heart. Guide them with your hand and let them feel the warmth of your love throughout their day. Bless them with an ever growing faith in your grace and wisdom. Amen

Sources used in writing this article include "Christianity Today" and Christian Grand Parenting Network."

Brian Gerbutavich

Board of Christian Education



The changing of seasons is a majestic reminder of God's power and creativity. As we change seasons from summer to fall it should be noted that Children's Sunday School has resumed during worship hour for all children in preschool through grade 6. Encourage your children, grandchildren and neighbors to attend this service.

Adult Sunday School has also resumed at 9:00 AM with Pastor David Jordan teaching from the Old Testament. It is not too late to join a small group session. Sign up sheets are in Fellowship Hall. We are looking for volunteers for Sunday School teachers for Children's Sunday School. If you have an interest, please contact Pastor Enrique @ pastorenriquenewman@gmail.com

"The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies produce the works of his hands" Psalm 19:1

Respectfully submitted,
Mabel N. Payne

Board of Missions



During the month of October the Missions Board will be collecting an offering for International Ministries World Mission Offering. Envelopes will be available in the Sunday bulletins starting the 2nd week in October. What is the World Mission Offering?

Each year through International Ministries World Mission Offering, thousands of churches and individuals come together to promote and support ministries that God is using to transform the world. IM works cross culturally to invite people to become disciples of Jesus Christ and to proclaim through word and deeds God's reign of justice, peace, and abundant life for all creation. How are World Mission Offerings used?

Your gifts will be used to support the work of over 120 servants and 250+ international partners in 70 countries and their mission programs. Programs such as that of Deliris & Moise Carrion-Joseph, Sarah McCurd, and Ray Schellinger whose ministries are transforming the lives of immigrants & refugees, survivors of domestic abuse, students and children in Mexico or the work of our friend and global servant Mercy Gonzalez Barnes and Joe Stockton who are equipping seminary students and future leaders through theological training. We hope you will consider supporting the global work of God that these and others are doing around the world by joining us in this offering.

Respectfully Submitted, Jodi M. Savage

Kids Church: A Fresh Approach to Sunday School



Kids Church is a revamped Sunday school experience designed for children to connect with God in a way that speaks to them. With fun, engaging worship, Bible lessons, and creative activities, children can grow in their faith while having a great time.

After the Children's Moment in the main service each Sunday, kids head to Kids Church with our trained, background-checked volunteers. There, they'll explore biblical stories, worship through song and prayer, and express their creativity, all in a safe, nurturing environment.

In a world where many children lack consistent spiritual guidance, Kids Church helps fill that gap, offering them the chance to experience God personally. We encourage you to bring your child, grandchild, or any little one in your life to join this exciting journey of faith.

We can't wait to see them Sundays at 10:30 AM!

Surf and Turf Steak Fry

Skip and crew will be hosting a sit down Surf and Turf Dinner to sponsor Mission Honduras on Saturday, October 19th, 5pm. The menu will consist of Steak, Baked Potato, Veggies, Dessert & Drink for \$20.00. Shrimp will be added for an additional \$3.00. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board outside of Fellowship Hall.



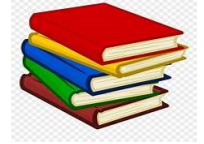
Come out and support, tell your friends



Crystals For A Cause will benefit Central Baptist Church and their Short Term Mission Team to Honduras. Touchstone Crystal is Swarovski's affordable jewelry division. When you spend \$100, you can take ANY additional piece 50% off!! 20-30% of total sales will be donated to the Honduras Mission team! The catalogue is online at http://www.touchstonecrystal.com/VZOGOCSZ. EVERY sale will count towards the fundraiser. If anyone is interested in hosting a Sparkle Social to share this gorgeous line of jewelry with their friends, Andrea will donate an ADDITIONAL 10% of sales from every party. Contact her if you have questions: 401-207-2854.



Library Corner



Library Corner & Library Room

The Library Corner bookcase is located in the back of Fellowship Hall. New additions and suggested readings are available. Please visit the complete Library Room down the Nursery School Hallway near Fellowship Hall. There are many more titles and topics to catch your interest. A sign-out sheet is available at both locations. Don't miss the following books for fall reading.

Prayer

Healing Prayer - by Reginald Cherry, M.D.

Dr. Reginald Cherry explores how faith, medicine, and prayer work together. It is a fascinating and informative book on the topic of healing and prayer. The author gives personal accounts of healings he has witnessed but also instructs on how to pray specifically for healing. He relates much of his ideas to scripture. It is an encouraging book connecting prayer to positive medical results.

Christian Living

God's Unlikely Path to Success - by Tony Evans

This well-known author uses prominent Bible characters to illustrate how God uses imperfect people in the midst of their mess to succeed and offer hope to others. No matter who you are or how you have sinned, there is someone in the Bible who did it before you. God forgave them despite their many imperfections and mistakes, and He will forgive us for our sins too as we follow the path of Jesus to success in our lives.

Fiction

Where Yesterday Lives - by Karen Kingsbury

Ellen Barrett is a Pulitzer prize winning journalist who is forced to journey back to her hometown for her father's funeral. Memories are unleashed. Ellen tries to make peace with the people who still live where she grew up. This novel makes you realize how a lack of communication can cause unnecessary conflict in the lives of family members. It is a heartwarming story full of life lessons

OCTOBER 17 - MISSION TRIP TO LYNN, MASSACHUSETTS

We are putting together a great team for our short-term mission trip to Lynn, Massachusetts. We will be heading out on Thursday, October 17th and staying through morning worship on Sunday, October 20th. Several people have asked us to offer a shorter trip, a little closer to home. I contacted Rev. Peter Balentine, a native son of our congregation, and asked about working with him and his congregation. Lynn is an interesting city. It has lots of immigrants and a high rate of poverty. Washington Street Baptist does a lot of local mission outreach. We will be working on several painting projects at the church. Those who have expressed interest so far include the following members; Carole Arnold, Bob Booth, Kathy Caval, Lucy Davis, Scott Gail, Noreen Gerrish, Sofia Scarano, Vicky Van Horn, Carol Zwick and Pastor Cal. If you'd like to hear more, speak to Pastor Cal. Would you like to join the team? We are asking all team members for a \$100 deposit to secure their spot.

CHURCH PHOTO DIRECTORY BEING PLANNED

We Are Putting Together A Photo Directory For 2024/2025

Sign up to have your photo taken. Bring the family. Sit for the photo. Special thanks to Karen and Jackie of Hinkley Hill Photography for taking the photos. We hope to have options for you to purchase some photos as well. In the end we will get an excellent ministry and outreach tool and all our families get blessed.

Tentative dates for photo shoot are November 1st & 2nd. We will start sign-ups next week.

GRANDMA'S ATTIC and GENTLY USED CHRISTMAS ITEMS

Do you have like-new items that you save for "no reason" that are in perfect condition? Perhaps you would like to donate them to Grandma's Attic for the Friendship Circle's Annual Christmas Bazaar. Donations of Gently Used Christmas items will also be accepted for the bazaar. Grandma's Attic items must be like new, clean, and in good working condition. Any contributions can currently be brought to the church.

Suggestions for Grandma's Attic donations: Dishes, toys, puzzles, glassware, tablecloths, candle sticks, and more.

If you have questions, please contact:

Cathy Burnside, 860-460-3433 or Deb Peterson, 401-864-7918.



Dear Friends,

Everybody needs a Norm in their life. Do you remember the lovable lush in the television sitcom, "Cheers?" Whenever he entered the bar, where everybody knew your name, the crowd would shout, "Norm!" It was one of the signature moments in the show.

What made him memorable was the fact that he was the kind of person who brightened your day. He would always have a quip or a one liner that made everyone smile. He always helped others see things from a different perspective when they brought their problems to him.

The truth is that you don't actually have to be named Norman to be this person. One of my "Norms" is actually named Walter. I met him several years ago. He was the custodian at church at the time. It seemed like he'd always stop by my office when I was having a tough day.

It was like he sensed that I needed a word of encouragement or a shoulder to lean on. He'd come in and before long, I was able to see things in a new light. He wasn't a theologian. He didn't come in with deep philosophical thoughts. He was simply there for me.

Years have gone by but it seems whenever I need a lift, I will open my email or I will get a text. Up pops a message from Walter. He only sends them every so often but they always come at the right time and make me smile.

Have you ever thought about the fact that you may be somebody's "Norm or Walter?" God uses people like us to reach out and bless others. We may not even realize that He is doing it. It simply comes as a still small voice nudging us to act.

The apostle Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians 12 that we are the body of Christ. When God wants to bless someone, he uses people like you and me. He finds someone with a willing heart, hands and feet and sends them out. They come to us like an angel when we need to be uplifted or loved.

Anyone can be a Norm. No special skills or training are required. All you need to do is ask God to use you. Then listen for His voice. He will send you out to meet someone's need. In your actions, you just might be an answer to someone's prayer and a reminder that God knows their name, too.

God Bless, See you in church.

Pastor Cal



Stewardship Moment

Dear Friends,

Our stewardship theme this year, *Go and Do the Same*, is a powerful reminder of our commitment to be genuine followers of gospel. It is a call to discipleship, to be more like the image of Jesus, so that our faith may be recognized by our actions toward others. At one level, we could infer that our “job” as a Christian is to do for others the way that the “good” Samaritan did for the man who fell among robbers. In other words, be kind, compassionate, generous, and concerned for others in need. Give of yourself. Give financially. Make a difference. All laudable characteristics, to be sure.

At another level however, it is a commitment not to just a set of particular actions or behaviors, but a dedication to a way of being. It is about a response to God’s purpose at work in individuals and the community as a whole. This understanding is about being agents of transformation in the unfolding Realm of God around us. It is about extending the blessing of health and wholeness to all of creation, because we are certain that this is ultimately what God desires. The world is broken and hurting and we are called to be a servant of Christ to bring wholeness among its many fractured pieces. We are called and sent out as agents of grace.



Our faithful financial stewardship is one way we work against the powers the principalities and powers. Our generosity funds the mission and ministry that we are engaged in as a sign that God’s Realm is among us. On Sunday, October 27th we will launch our annual stewardship campaign and enjoy a light luncheon following worship. Our 2024/25 theme is Go and Do the Same. We hope you will enjoy the things we have planned for our four week campaign and join us in investing in the ministry and mission that God has given us at Central Baptist.

I hope you will be intentional about being with us each week of the campaign. Commitment Sunday will be a part of worship on **November 17th** and we are hoping that you will bless us and give thanks to God by returning your estimate of giving card that day.

God has done, and continues to do remarkable things through and with us – things that matter! Your prayers and your participation are keys to helping us get to the next level of discipleship. We know that when the early church gathered, they did so with glad and generous hearts and that there was no need among them (Acts 2). We desire such a spirit of true community to be among us. I look forward to considering with you what it means for us to “go and do the same,” as we seek to be faithful disciples in this place.

Blessings,

Pastor Cal

Jesus calls us to do the things he did, including living a life of compassion and generosity. Gifts received in our annual stewardship campaign become ministry and mission. Thank you for your partnership in the work God has called us to do together.



Join us for a Potluck Supper and Special Program on Friday, October 11 at 6:00 pm

Join us for a night of food and fellowship as we gather to hear Rev. Kathryn Palen, our Associate Executive Minister in charge of Eldercare Ministries. She will give us tips on faithfully navigating through the third, third of life. It should be an informative and inspirational program. You need not be over fifty to enjoy the night out at church. All are invited.

Just For Kids By Marcia Erskine



The **LORD** is
The Giver of Joy



Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise. James 5:13

SMILES AND SO FORTH

Humor, Wisdom, Poetry, Quizzes, and So Forth

By Dorothy Marra

The Gift

The Holy Spirit gives to each of us
A talent we can work.
And when we're asked to use it
It's a job we shouldn't shirk.

It could be wisdom, knowledge, or faith
Or perhaps the power to heal.
Or maybe teach in Sunday School
If that's the one you feel.

The Holy Spirit gives each a gift.
Sometimes it's hard to know
Which gift we were given
Because right now it doesn't show.

Maybe you feel you have none.
You can't be sure until you try.
You know the Lord will help you.
With his help you'll get by

The Spirit gives each a special gift
And this we know is true.
So now I'll ask this question
Which gift did the Spirit give you?

By Lee Tetlow

FROM GUIDEPOSTS HANDBOOK OF PRAYER

Well Lord---

I have been led to worship...by a bug. It has happened before, for cicadas have co-existed with me for some years.

But last night was a close-up.



Lord...he's such an ugly thing, crawling out of his earthen dungeon after thirteen years of exile, crawling straight for the nearest tree...and up it, to rest a moment...and then to split the *ugly* cretinous husk, and emerge---all new. All wet, yet, and deformed by the dampness of the larval womb...but patient ---waiting to stretch and dry the wilted-lettuce stumps of wing until they become taut, firm lace---to bear him wherever he would go.

He's singing now, outside the window. And I am singing too---inspired by the bug.

I give thanks, with deep joy, that I have beheld this thing, that I live in a world where such miracles keep happening. Amen.

Jo Carr and Imogene Sorley

Life without God
is like an unsharpened pencil.
It has no point.

Billy Graham



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"Sayin' 'Amen' is like pressing the 'SEND' button for your prayers."

IRISH BLESSING

May God grant you always....

A sunbeam to warm you, a moonbeam to charm you, a sheltering angel so nothing can harm you.

Laughter to cheer you. Faithful friends near you. And whenever you pray, Heaven to hear you.

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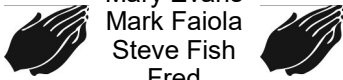


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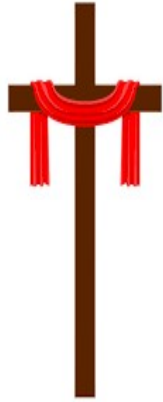
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Prayer List

Andy
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Linda Bruno
Arthur Burton
Alan Caval
Jason Caval
Andy Clapham
Pat Collins
Sally Cuda
Joan Cushman
Beth Eckel
Mary Evans
Mark Faiola
Steve Fish
Fred



Arline Fitzhugh
Kathleen Giblin
Judy Grady
Kevin Hale
Lynn Johnson
Dorothy & Gregory Kay
Vicky Keane
Richard Lambert
Dan & Valerie LaPointe
Lynn Johnson
Tim Lynn
John Macomber
Rev. Joshua McClure
John Millett
Gil Napier
Michael Payne
Regina Pendleton
Kay Perrone
Pat Rhodes
Benjamin Robert
Jean Smith
JoySea Smith
Ruth Ann Stewart
Sean Tetlow
Bruce Titterington
Geraldine Wagner
Elizabeth Webster
* World Peace *



Jenn & Phil Bryan - 3rd
Erica & Lenny Ballesteros - 6th
Pat & John Anderson - 15th
Marty & George Champlin - 19th
Billie Jo & David Whipple - 22nd
Ruth & Jim Stewart - 26th
Meredith & Fritz Eckel - 28th
Judy & Skip Terwilliger - 28th

October BIRTHDAYS

1 Mary Schaaf
3 Ray Deptulski
4 Kristen Lloyd
4 Kayla White
5 Giavona DeRota
5 Rick Mann
11 Riley Burnside
11 Randy Lestinsky
12 Rev. Joshua McClure
12 Debbie Prachniak
16 Anita Greene
16 Melissa Lestinsky
18 Pat Anderson
20 Tim Rhodes
22 Max Bertsch
24 Jane Miceli
25 Kristi Kerr
27 Jacob Marra
29 Will Kerr
30 Steve Burnside
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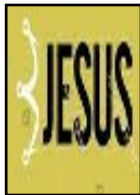
PRAYER FOR HEALING

*Father, thank you for loving us and calling us out of darkness. There are those of us in need of your healing virtue today, by His Stripes we were healed. Father, we bind up all sickness and disease, and loose your healing virtue unto your children. For those going into surgery, we loose guidance to the hands of the surgeons. Touch all the sick and shut ins today and restore health to their bodies. In Jesus' precious name,
Amen!*

November Birthday's

1 Brian Gerbutavich
3 Meredith Eckel
5 John Macomber
6 Kathy Eagan
7 Jace Burton
10 Janice Wilcox
12 Dorothy Clark-Kay
12 Deb Gregory
15 Melinda Lowe
15 Ann Marsh

The church extends sympathy to the family of:
Paul Arnold



Our Shut in Members at Home

Judy Grady

Royal Nursing Home

John Macomber & Kay Perrone
79 Beach St, Westerly 02891

The Elms

Joan Cushman
22 Elm Street, Westerly, RI 02891

Benchmark Plymouth Crossing

Winnie Hamilton, 157 South Street - Apt 218,
Plymouth, MA 02360

Those in the Military:

Sargent Jordan Payne , Camp legume, NC
Cpt. Evan Caval, Ft. Campbell, KY
Lieutenant Colonel Brian Gavitt
Lance Corporal Christian Smith
David Aiello, US Marines



All of those who serve in our armed forces.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
REMEMBER THAT FOR
EVERY DAY OF YOUR
LIFE, THERE IS
SOMEONE TAKING
CARE OF YOU, AND
MAY GOD CONTINUE
TO HOLD YOU IN HIS
GENTLE HANDS AND
BRING YOU PEACE.**