



From the quill of Pastor Bill,

Greetings in the name of our risen savior Jesus:

How is your relationship with God these days? How is your soul?

A recent Gallop poll indicates that there is at least one Bible in 92% of American homes. That's great. But here comes the disappointment. Gallup points out, "Despite the impressive statistics concerning Bible reading and study, it is apparent that ignorance about its contents is widespread."

Only half of adults interviewed nationwide could name any of the four Gospels of the New Testament. Just 37 percent of those interviewed could name all four Gospels. Only 42 percent of adults were able to name as many as five of the 10 Commandments correctly. Seven in ten (70 percent) were able to name the town where Jesus was born, but just 42 percent could identify him as the person who delivered the Sermon on the Mount.

It seems that there might be a few disappointed "Christians" when all is said and done. We have become lackadaisical or unconcerned about our relationship with God and His son, our risen savior, Jesus Christ. We also suffer from apathy. "I don't want to get involved; let someone else do it." Here is what Revelation 3:15-16 says about that, ¹⁵ "I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other! ¹⁶ So, because you are lukewarm—neither hot nor cold—I am about to spit you out of my mouth."

Is this the kind of relationship with the Lord that we want?

Every one of us took a vow, a promise, when we joined the Church. We promised that we would be loyal to The United Methodist Church and do all in your power to strengthen its ministries. We also promised that as members of this congregation we would faithfully participate in its ministries by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, and our service. So why are our pews empty? Where is everybody?

Quite simply, we've become so busy with our worldly lives that we've neglected our spiritual health. We're ill. In fact, we are deathly ill. But there is a cure. We **must** make time for Jesus. I know there are all kinds of excuses; I've used most of them myself. However, when I trusted Jesus and let Him come into my life, everything changed. Somehow, I didn't have to work on Sunday anymore, I had enough money to pay my bills and give to the church; I had more time for my family and still attended worship service and Sunday school.

Most of us don't think about death or where we are going when we die, but a personal relationship with Jesus Christ will guarantee us a place in Heaven and fill our churches. Spend some time with Jesus and you won't be sorry or disappointed.

It's time to get back to being the Church.

God bless you,

Pastor Bill

Birthdays and Anniversaries



Charleston UMC

May 14

Betty Thompson

Joshua McWilliams

Linda Jewell McAdoo

May 15

Steven Perozich

May 18

Debra McCright

May 23

Sasha Lutz

May 25

James McWilliams

Korab

Clark Trinity UMC

May 5

Joan Faltot

Kathy Smith

May 8

Patty Padovich

Lori McKnight

May 20

Sierra Thompson

May 23

Tom McIntosh

Brian Moats

May 27

Todd Yarian

May 28

Shaylan Duncan

May 31

Edmund (Joe)

Charleston UMC

June 4

Brianna Jarrett

June 8

Rhonda Greenawalt

June 10

Mary Ann Rowe

June 21

Sheryl Gregory

June 22

Catherine Perozich

June 30

Hayley Pears

Myers

Clark Trinity UMC

June 3

Alyson Maurice

June 4

Amy Moffett

June 5

Pauline Jones

June 10

May Ann Rowe

Gloria Nugent

Monica Doddato

June 16

Alice Pryts

Ian Titus

June 22

Laura Robinson

June 26

Isaac Unruh

June 30

Alisha Erlinger



Charleston UMC

May 19

Michael & Debra McCright

May 20

Ollie & Karen Bartholomew

May 27

Brian & Cari Rogers

Clark Trinity UMC

May 5

Joe & Jackie Bees



Charleston UMC

June 2

Josh & Tara Mason

June 4

Jon & Kathryn Wengerd

June 16

Chuck & Pat Bartholomew

Clark Trinity UMC

June 7

Jonathan & Lauren Bees

Proverbs Quiz Answers

- 1.) appetite 2.) wise 3.) apples of gold in pitchers of silver
- 4.) understanding 5.) knowledge 6.) stir up anger
- 7.) rottenness in his bones 8.) covereth all sins
- 9.) of heavy hearts 10.) rubies



Proverbs

1.) And put a knife to thy throat, if thou be a man given to _____ Proverbs 23:2

- lust greed appetite anger

2.) Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways and be _____ Proverbs 6:6

- prudent wise strong perfect

3.) A word fitly spoken is like _____ Proverbs 25:11

- clouds and wind without rain.
 an ornament of fine gold.
 apples of gold in pitchers of silver.
 snow in summer, and like rain in harvest.

4.) Trust in the Lord with all thine heart, and lean not unto thine own _____ Proverbs 3:5

- goodness understanding
 uprightness knowledge

5.) The fear of the Lord is the beginning of _____ Proverbs 1:7

- knowledge riches.
 understanding long life.

6.) A soft answer turned away wrath, but grievous words _____ Proverbs 15:1

- cause contention pour out foolishness.
 stir up anger cause a hateful heart.

7.) A virtuous woman is a crown to her husband, but she that maketh ashamed is as _____ : Prov.12:4

- a scourge upon his life. rottenness in his bones.
 a person void of understanding. an abomination.

8.) Hatred stirreth up strifes, but love _____ Prov.10:12

- holdeth his peace. is an everlasting fountain
 concealeth the matter. covereth all sins

9.) Give strong drink unto him that is ready to perish, and wine unto those that be _____ Proverbs 31:6

- old and feeble innocent of heavy hearts
 sick

10.) Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above _____ Proverbs 31:10

- diamonds rubies gold & silver emeralds

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Here's a little bit of Humor

We senior citizens don't need any more gadgets. The TV remote and the garage door remote are about all we can handle.



A doctor examining a woman who had been rushed to the Emergency Room, Took the husband aside, and said, 'I don't like the looks of your wife at all.' 'Me neither doc,' said the husband. 'But she's a great cook and really good with the kids.'



A man is recovering from surgery when the Surgical Nurse appears and asks him how he is feeling.

'I'm O. K. But I didn't like the four letter-word the doctor used in surgery,' he answered.

'What did he say,' asked the nurse.

'Oops!'



A police recruit was asked during the exam, "What would you do if you had to arrest your own mother?"

He answered, "Call for backup."

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A cop pulls a guy over for weaving across two lanes of traffic.

He walks up to the driver's window and asks, "You drinking?"

The driver said, "Well that depends - You buyin'?"

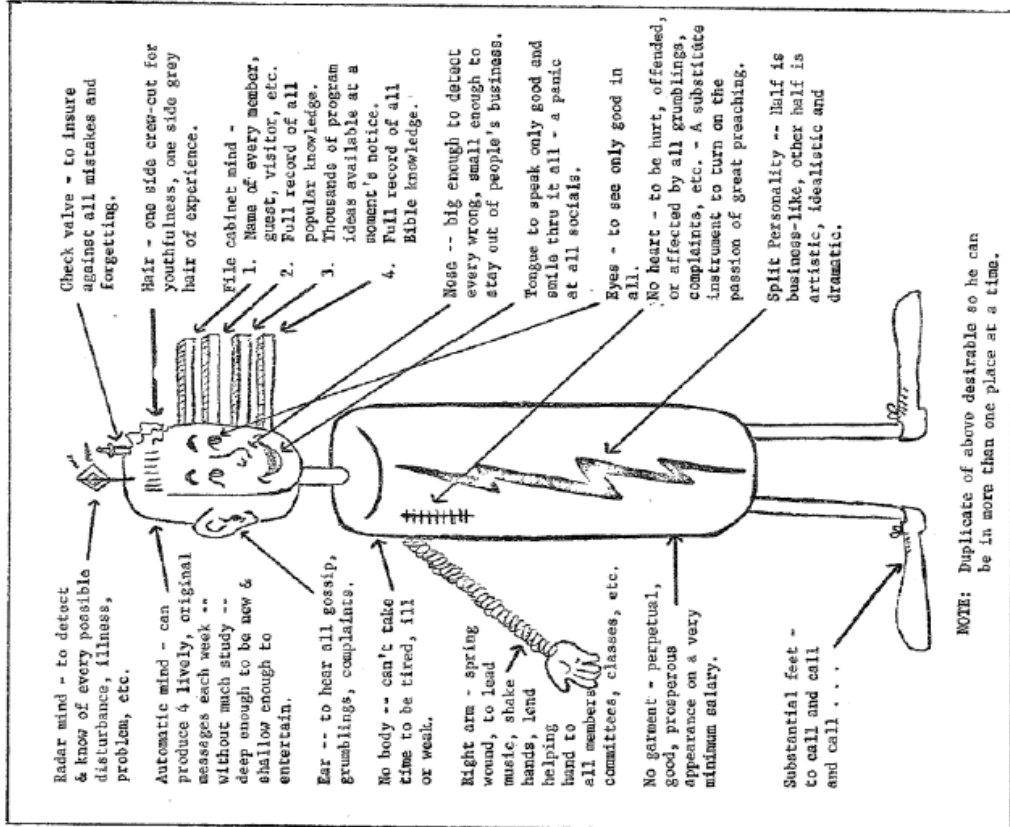
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I have so many problems that if a new one comes along today, it will be at least two weeks before I can worry about it!



The following from the files of Barbara Duffey,
Donated by her daughter, Pat Bartholomew

Blueprint " For THE IDEAL PREACHER



* Available to churches who prefer to build their own preacher, although at the present time, it seems to be difficult to obtain necessary parts.



OUR GRADUATES

Brianna Jarrett; daughter of Greg and Diane Jarrett, granddaughter of Jean Pears, will graduate on May 11, 2024 from Rochester Institute of Technology with a degree in Mechanical Engineering.

Congratulations, Brianna!!!

If there are other graduates in families, please notify Pastor Bill.

We will list them in the July/August Newsletter.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



July 8-12, 2024 - 9 AM to Noon
 Charleston UMC
 1169 Greenfield Road
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 Ages 4 through 12 years
 Bible Stories, Crafts & Science,
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Child's Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____
 Age _____ Birth Date _____ Grade Completed _____ School _____
 Father's Name _____ Mother's Name _____
 Home Phone _____ Emergency Phone _____
 Brought By _____ Relationship _____
 Physician _____ His/Her Phone _____
 Do you attend a church? Yes ___ No ___ If yes, Where? _____
 Does your child have allergies? Yes ___ No ___ Please List _____
 Other Comments _____
 Parents Signature _____

Chicken Pie Dinner Clark Trinity United Methodist Church

96 Charles Street, Clark, PA 16113



Hand Made

All Chicken (NO Vegetables)

Dinner includes:

1 piece of Chicken Pie, Mashed potatoes,
 Corn, Coleslaw, Beverage and Dessert

Saturday, May 18, 2024 4 - 6 PM

Donation: Adults - \$12.00

Children(4-12) - \$6.00

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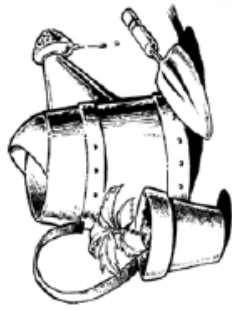
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CHARLESTON/CLARK TRINITY UMC

MAY 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
5 Birthday/Anniversary Lunch Charleston UMC			1 Bible Study 10:30 AM Charleston UMC	2 Bible Study 6:00 PM Clark Trinity UMC	3	4 District Conference 10:00 AM Mercer UMC
6 Birthdays/Anniversaries Lunch Charleston UMC		7 PPRC Meeting 6:30 PM Charleston UMC	8 Bible Study 1:30 PM Charleston UMC	9 Bible Study 6:00 PM Clark Trinity UMC	10	11
12 Mothers Day HOLY COMMUNION A Means of Grace	13	14 Trustees --6:30 PM Adm. Council --7:00 PM Charleston UMC	15 Bible Study 10:30 AM Charleston UMC Trustees - 6:30 PM Adm. Council --7:00 PM Clark Trinity UMC	16 Bible Study 6:00 PM Clark Trinity UMC	17 MERCER COUNTY FOOD BANK Mobile Pantry Charleston UMC 1 to 3 PM	18 CHICKEN PIE DINNER CLARK TRINITY UMC 4 TO 6 PM
19 FAMILY GAME NIGHT Clark Trinity UMC 4 to 6 PM	20	21	22 Bible Study 10:30 AM Charleston UMC	23 Bible Study 6:00 PM Clark Trinity UMC	24	25
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Clark Trinity UMC Prayer List

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<i>Dean Barca</i>	<i>Donna Lloyd</i>
<i>Gregory Barlett</i>	<i>Dave Lloyd</i>
<i>Michelle (Blake) Tate</i>	<i>Brad Reinhart</i>
<i>Blaze McKnight</i>	<i>Ed Rodocoy</i>
<i>Jim Reagle</i>	<i>Rose Boles</i>
<i>Linda Kerins</i>	<i>Shirley Maybee</i>
<i>Tom Durney</i>	<i>Amanda McKnight</i>
<i>Verne Barlett</i>	<i>Cathy Morris</i>
<i>Connie Schrader</i>	<i>Linda Kerins</i>
<i>Dave Misko</i>	<i>Patty Padovich</i>
<i>Russell Nickel Family</i>	<i>Sheila Nickel</i>
<i>Marian & Don Doddato</i>	<i>Bob Moats</i>
<i>Chuck Wallace</i>	<i>Shawna Hedderick</i>
<i>Lauren Bees & Family</i>	<i>Cindy Wyant</i>

*Cancer patients, Our Churches, Family relationships,
 Anti-Americans, Our Nation and Our Troops*



Charleston UMC Prayer List

<i>Peggy & Earnie Bliss</i>	<i>Linda Kerins</i>
<i>Neil Gaines</i>	<i>Carol Gaines</i>
<i>Rylan Thompson</i>	<i>Leesa Miess</i>
<i>Sheila Jewell</i>	<i>Jean Pears</i>
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<i>Ruth Ann Ferguson</i>	<i>Gail Schuknecht</i>
<i>Marlene Gilliland</i>	<i>Mary Ann Young</i>
<i>Tom Hinkson</i>	<i>Bob & Karen Dolata</i>
<i>Ethel Zahniser</i>	<i>Matt Bodien</i>
<i>Bob Jewell</i>	<i>Daniel Black</i>
<i>Bev Jewell</i>	<i>Vi Greenawalt</i>
<i>Jim Starkey</i>	<i>Hope Purcell</i>
<i>Marge & Andrew</i>	<i>Harry</i>
<i>Jane Hinkson</i>	<i>Lori Hayden</i>
<i>Louella Moore</i>	<i>Karen Palmer</i>
<i>Judy Shaffer</i>	<i>Kathy Hogan</i>
<i>Jon & Kathryn Wengerd</i>	<i>Mark Moore</i>

*All those suffering due to Cancer,
 Family relationships, Terrorists, Anti-Americans,
 Our Troops and Our Nation*